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SUBJ: UNGA SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION-US. REPRESENTATION

1. IT IS APPARENT TO ME THAT ONE OF THE MAIN EFFECTS OF THE FORTHCOMING SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY WILL BE TO COLOR MOST, IF NOT ALL, THE WORK BEING UNDERTAKEN IN THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT AND ITS SUBSIDIARY BODIES. THE G-77 CONFERENCE ROOM PAPER NO. 1 AND ITS ADDENDUM DEAL ALMOST ENTIRELY WITH PROBLEMS WHICH HAVE BEEN UNDER CONTINUOUS DEBATE HERE IN GENEVA IN THE MEETINGS OF UNCTAD AND WHICH WILL MOST LIKELY REACH SOME SORT OF CULMINATION IN THE UNCTAD IV CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR NAIROBI IN 1976. ONCE THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION IS OVER, WE HERE IN GENEVA WILL BE ENGAGED ALMOST IMMEDIATELY IN DEALING WITH ITS EFFECTS IN SUCH AREAS AS COMMODITIES, FINANCING RELATED TO TRADE, AND THE FINAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE AGENDA FOR UNCTAD IV.

2. I HAVE LONG FELT THAT IF GENEVA IS TO BE OF MAXIMUM EFFECTIVNESS IN DEALING WITH THESE MATTERS WE MUST DEVELOP THE CLOSEST POSSIBLE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE ACTION OFFICERS HERE, IN THE DEPARTMENT AND AT USUN SO THAT WE ARE IN THE BEST POSSIBLE POSITION TO REFLECT THE MOST CURRENT THINKING OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. WE DO NOT HERE BENEFIT FROM THE EASE OF COMMUNICATION AS DOES USUN NEW YORK NOR ARE WE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE POLICY FORMATION CONFERENCES

IN WASHINGTON. WE ARE, HOWEVER, EXPECTED BOTH TO CARRY OUT THESE POLCIES AND THE RESULTS OF THEIR INTRODUCTION INTO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

3. I SHOULD LIKE TO RECALL THAT THE FOREIGN SERVICE INSPECTORS IN THEIR CRITIQUE OF THIS POST IN 1971 AND, AGAIN MORE RECENTLY, CALLED FOR CLOSER COORDINATION AND CONSULTATION BETWEEN THIS POST AND THE ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN IN NEW YORK AND THE UNDERLYING PREPARATIONS IN WASHINGTON. THE FORTHCOMING SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION IS, IN MY MIND, A MOST APT AND PERTINENT CASE TO IMPLEMENT THESE RECOMMENDATIONS.

4. THEREFORE, I BELIEVE THAT ROBERT ALLEN, MY UNCTAD ACTION OFFICER, SHOULD BE GIVEN A TDY ASSIGNMENT TO USUN FOR THE AUGUST 18-22 PREPCOM, TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PREPARATIONS UNDERTAKEN IN THE INTERVAL BETWEEN THE PREPCOM AND THE 7TH SS, AND THEN TO USUN FOR THE DURATION OF THE 7TH SS ITSELF IN ORDER THAT HE MAY BE FULLY PREPARED FOR THE DEBATES TO FOLLOWIN UNCTAD FORA. HE WILL BE FREE TO UNDERTAKE SUCH AS ASSIGNMENT AS SOON AS THE UNCTAD TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD ENDS IT SESSION ON AUGUST 15. I HAVE DISCUSSED THIS WITH AMBASSADOR FERGUSON AND HE CONCURS. DALE

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